

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held March 20th, 2012
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, Council Chambers,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

Call Meeting to Order at 3:02pm.

Committee Members Present:

- 1. Council Member Mike Martinez, Chair*
- 2. Council Member Laura Morrison*
- 3. Council Member Chris Riley*

1. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, February 21st, 2012.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on February 21st, 2012, seconded by Council Member Martinez, motion unanimously carries, 2-0, with Council Member Riley temporarily absent.

2. Citizen Communications.

None.

3. Status Report on the new Animal Shelter and Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes, update on the progress of negotiating the contract with Austin Pets Alive!, and take appropriate action (Abigail Smith, Chief Animal Services Officer).

Citizen speakers included David Pastor, Tara Stermer, Marnie Reeder, and Ellen Jefferson. Abigail Smith, Director of Animal Services, reported a February 90% live outcome rate for sheltered animals.

Motion by Council Member Morrison to direct staff to set a Chapter 26 public hearing for Council consideration April 5th and to prepare a revision to the current Austin Pets Alive (APA) agreement for Council consideration April 12th to allow APA to use the full range of the Town Lake Animal Center for six months, with a six month agreement amendment that could be extended upon Council approval. Motion is seconded by Council Member Riley. Motion unanimously passes, 3-0

4. Discussion of Food Initiatives including menu labeling, restaurant scoring, calorie count, and trans fat, and take appropriate action (Carlos Rivera, Director, HHSD, Dr. Phil Huang, Health Authority, HHSD, Cassie Deleon, Program Manager).

Carlos Rivera presented on new HHSD food initiatives, including restaurant scoring, in response to a growing obesity problem in the community, an issue reflecting national trends. Council Member Martinez asked for a fiscal note and, though in favor of healthy food policies, expressed concern regarding the “banning” of items.

5. Deer in Northwest Austin - Observations and Recommendations (Robin Abbott, Deer Austin, Teresa Ferguson, Deer Austin)

Motion made by Council Member Morrison to postpone Items #5 and #6 until next Committee meeting and that the items are first on the April agenda. Seconded by Council Member Riley, motion passes unanimously, 3-0.

6. Update on No Feeding of Deer Ordinance, and take appropriate action (David Lopez, Acting Assistant Director, HHSD, Joe Staudt, Program Supervisor, HHSD).

Motion made by Council Member Morrison to postpone Items #5 and #6 until next Committee meeting and that the items are first on the April agenda. Seconded by Council Member Riley, motion passes unanimously, 3-0.

7. Report on HB 216 Model Standards, and take appropriate action (David Lopez, Acting Assistant Director, HHSD, Vince Delisi, Program Supervisor, HHSD).

Citizen speaker for this item was Edward Sledge who provided a handout describing protections afforded by the Fair Housing Act. Staff, including city attorney Kathleen Buchanan, provided an update on HB 216 model standards, describing the outline of a voluntary program. No action taken.

8. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012, or at the call of the committee chair.

Chair, Council Member Martinez asked that Joan Bartz be given an opportunity to bring HB 216 Model Standards to the next Committee meeting. Also, both agenda items regarding Deer were postponed until the next Public Health and Human Services Committee.

Adjourned at 5:03pm